



## **APPEARANCE POLICES AND INFORMATION**

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Vidalia Heritage Academy believes that the use of school uniforms projects an atmosphere of uniformity, pride, loyalty, and equality among students. Uniforms help in removing some of the distractions normally confronted when children face the dilemma of possessing the latest designer fashions or the latest fad sweeping the nation at any given time. School uniforms also tend to involve students more and to make them part of a "team" at the school. This is not so much to erase their individuality, but to include everyone at the same level as far as image and dress is concerned.

### **UNIFORMS**

We have a uniform dress code that should be followed by all students. PLEASE NOTE: All students, including juniors, seniors, and homeschool students attending any on-campus class or chapel will follow the dress code as outlined below. All students not abiding by the dress code will lose their day of FREE DRESS. This is on the last Friday of each month and is a reward for those students who are exhibiting responsible uniform dress on a daily basis.

Please note the following as it relates to all articles of clothing, uniform, or free dress attire (including masks, face coverings, pants, shorts, shirts, socks, belts, jackets, shoes, hoodies, hair accessories):

- If there is writing on any attire worn on the VHA Campus, all words should honor and glorify the Lord. Any words or images that promote rebellion, unsafe activities, anti-Christian values, or belittle others will not be allowed. Political slogans or political organization logos are NOT allowed.
- The only flag allowed to be displayed on any attire worn on the VHA Campus is the United States of America Flag or the Christian Flag.

## UPPER SCHOOL DAILY DRESS

<b>Slacks, pants, capris, shorts, or skorts*</b>	<p><b>*Skorts and capris can only be worn by female students.</b></p> <p>Khaki or navy slacks/pants/capris/shorts/skorts <b>or blue jeans</b> provided they meet the following 3" rule: Shorts/skorts must not be any shorter than 3" from the bend of the knee. When a student kneels on the floor, it will be measured from the floor up. <b>No jean shorts or skorts.</b></p> <p>All slacks blue jeans, and shorts must have belt loops. Embellishments/flashy designs on pockets or elsewhere, holes, rips, and tears in slacks, shorts, skorts, or blue jeans are NOT allowed. Leggings under skorts (for females) are allowed, but must be red, white, blue, or a combination of those colors.</p>
<b>Shirts</b>	<p>Navy, red, or white pique golf shirt <b><u>with school logo</u></b> (long or short sleeve). <b>Please note that red pique golf shirts with school logos are required for all school field trips.</b> Turtlenecks or t-shirts may be worn under a pique golf shirt if needed for warmth. They must be the same color as school colors (plain navy, red, white) and may not contain writing or logos of any kind on them. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.</p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade students may wear spirit t-shirts every Wednesday.</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to wear a UNIFORM COLLARED SHIRT on Friday for Chapel Day and/or Senior Seminar Class.</b></p>
<b>Socks</b>	Red, white, blue, black, or khaki
<b>Shoes</b>	<p>Tennis shoes/sneakers, loafers, Hey Dudes (or some other casual shoe), boots. No Heelies, flip flops, or Crocs. Sandals with backs may be worn on free dress days. <b>Tennis shoes MUST be worn for PE.</b> If in doubt, please check with administration prior to wearing or purchasing.</p>
<b>Belts</b>	Cordovan, black, brown, white, khaki, or navy (or any combination of these colors in any pattern). Belts are to be worn at all times
<b>Sweater</b>	Navy, red, white, or black may be worn in the classroom. Optional and may be worn in the classroom.
<b>Sweatshirt or hoodie</b>	<b>Only school sweatshirts or hoodies with the school logos are allowed for indoor warmth.</b> This includes any sweatshirt or hoodie that was purchased for a school sponsored field trip (i.e., Washington, DC, Harvard Model Congress, and Arts, Academic, Athletics sanctioned events). No other sweatshirts will be allowed.
<b>Overcoat or jacket</b>	Overcoats/Jackets of any color may be worn for outdoor warmth as long as the logo is smaller than a credit card. Once inside, the overcoat/jacket must be removed, and a school sweatshirt or hoodie (as mentioned above) must be used for indoor warmth.

<b>LOWER SCHOOL DAILY DRESS</b>	
<b>Slacks, pants, capris, shorts, or skorts*</b>	<p><b>*Skorts and capris can only be worn by female students.</b> Khaki or navy slacks/pants/capris/shorts/skorts provided they meet the following 3" rule: Shorts/skorts must not be any shorter than 3" from the bend of the knee. When a student kneels on the floor, it will be measured from the floor up. All slacks and shorts must have belt loops. Embellishments/flashy designs on pockets or elsewhere, holes, rips, and tears in slacks or shorts are NOT allowed. Leggings under skorts (for females) are allowed, but must be red, white, blue, or a combination of those colors.</p> <p><b>Jeans may be worn every Friday.</b></p>
<b>Shirts</b>	<p>Navy, red, or white pique golf shirt <b><u>with school logo</u></b> (long or short sleeve) <b>Please note that red pique golf shirts with school logos are required for all school field trips.</b> Turtlenecks or t-shirts may be worn under a pique golf shirt if needed for warmth. They must be the same color as school colors (plain navy, red, white) and may not contain writing or logos of any kind on them. Shirts must be tucked in at all times (this will not be enforced in kindergarten until the second semester).</p> <p><b>Spirit wear t-shirts may be worn every Friday. (Includes current or previous school year field day and performance t-shirts.)</b></p>
<b>Socks</b>	Red, white, blue, black, or khaki.
<b>Shoes</b>	<p>Tennis shoes/sneakers, boat shoes (Sperry's), loafers, Toms/Bobs No boots (applies to elementary students only). No Heelies, flip flops, or Crocs. Sandals with backs may be worn on free dress days. <b>Tennis shoes MUST be worn for PE.</b> If in doubt, please check with administration prior to wearing or purchasing.</p>
<b>Belt</b>	Cordovan, black, brown, white, khaki, or navy (or any combination of these colors in any pattern). Belts are to be worn at all times (this will not be enforced in kindergarten until the second semester.)
<b>Sweater</b>	Navy, red, white, or black may be worn in the classroom. Optional and may be worn in the classroom.
<b>Sweatshirt or hoodie</b>	<b>Only school sweatshirts or hoodies with the school logos are allowed for indoor warmth.</b> This includes any sweatshirt or hoodie that was purchased for a school sponsored field trip (i.e., Washington, DC, Harvard Model Congress, and Arts, Academic, Athletics sanctioned events). No other sweatshirts will be allowed.
<b>Overcoat or jacket</b>	Overcoats/Jackets of any color may be worn for outdoor warmth as long as the logo is smaller than a credit card. Once inside, the overcoat/jacket must be removed, and a school sweatshirt or hoodie (as mentioned above) must be used for indoor warmth.

## **SENIOR STUDENTS**

Monday – Thursday: All seniors may wear a spirit t-shirt along with approved slacks, shorts, skorts, or blue jeans. If the senior does not wish to wear a spirit t-shirt on those days, they are required to wear a uniform collared shirt.

Friday: All seniors must wear a uniform collared shirt to their Senior Seminar class and Chapel along with approved slacks, shorts, skorts, or blue jeans.

Free Dress Days will continue to be the last Friday of the month.

## **FREE DRESS DAYS**

Free Dress Days will be on the last Friday of each month and is a reward for those students who are exhibiting responsible uniform dress daily. Free Dress Day guidelines are as follows:

Pants: any style as long as they do not have holes.

Shorts/Skirts: students can wear shorts as long as they:

- \*are no more than 3 inches above the knee
- \*have no holes
- \*are not too tight

Leggings: any style but they must be covered by a shirt or a skirt that is no more than 3 inches above the knee.

Shirts: shirts need to meet the following:

- \*no shear shirts or blouses
- \*no spaghetti straps
- \*no tank tops
- \*no low cut blouses
- \*no skin to be showing in midriff area at all.

Shoes: all shoes must have a back on them for safety reasons; FLIP FLOPS are not allowed; baseball/football cleats are not allowed due to safety & housekeeping issues.

Please remember ALL articles of clothing should honor the Lord. If there is writing on clothes in any fashion, all words should glorify Him. Please refrain from any words that promote rebellion, unsafe activities, anti-Christian images, or belittling others.

## **DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense – verbally warned by teacher or administration

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Written up in Gradelink and copy of referral sent home to parents requiring signature.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Written up in Gradelink and a loss of free dress day privileges for that month.

This list is not exhaustive. We reserve the right to interpret it as we see fit. If you have concerns, please contact the office during school hours.

## HAIR

### **Boys:**

Hair is to be neatly trimmed on the sides and back and combed. It is to be gradually tapered in the back and not be more than 2 inches high (this includes any stylish spiking of the hair), or 2 inches below the top of the shirt collar. Hair must also be cut above the eyebrows. Facial hair, i.e., mustaches, beards, goatees, and sideburns should be neatly trimmed.

### **Girls:**

Hair must be neatly combed and brushed with no unnatural color. The hair accessories allowed are barrettes, bows, clips, rubber and elastic bands, headbands, and scrunchies. These must be in one of the following colors or color combinations: red, white, blue, black, beige, or pink.

**NOTE: Any exceptions to the above policy on hair on the basis of academic or athletic events will be approved by administration.**

## TATTOOS

Any tattoos on a student must be covered at all times and not visible to staff or other students.